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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: NEW DEFENSE ADVISOR APPOINTED

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR HOWARD F. JETER; REASONS 1.5 (b) and (d).

¶1. (U) This is an action request. See para 3.

¶2. (SBU) Mission received Note S1540/2001 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated November 12. The text of the note is below. Please advise.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and has the honor to inform the latter of the appointment and posting of Group Captain A. R. Okanlawon as Nigeria's Defense Advisor to the United States with effect from 1st January 2002.

The esteemed Embassy is therefore requested to seek agreement of its home government's relevant authorities for the appointment. The Curriculum Vitae of Group Captain Okanlawon is attached herewith for your perusal.

Name: Adebiyi Rakas Okanlawon, NDU MSS FSS psc ()

Sex: Male

DOB: 7 December, 1955

POB: Lagos

Local Government Area: Abeokuta North

State of Origin: Ogun State

Religion: Islam

Marital Status: Married (with children)

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Mayflower Junior School, Ikenne

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Federal School of Art and Science, Victoria Island

Troy State University, Montgomery, Alabama, USA

MILITARY COURSES

- Nigerian Defense Academy, Kaduna, 75-76
- Primary Flying Training, Nigerian AFB, Kaduna, 76-77
- Advance Pilot Training, Texas, USA, 78-79
- Fighter Pilot Training, New Mexico, USA, 79-80
- MIG-21 Conversion Training, Kano, 80
- Alpha Jet Tactical Training, W. Germany, 81-82
- Alpha Jet Engine Study, France, 81
- Jaguar Conversion Training, Britain, 83-84
- JunioOr Division Staff Course, Jaji, Kaduna, 86
- Instructor Pilot Training, Texas, USA, 88-89
- Air Command Staff College, Air University, Alabama, USA, 91-92
- Advance Defense Course (War Strategy Campaign Planning), NDU PLA, Beijing, China, 2000

APPOINTMENTS

- Staff Officer 2 Training, Flying Training Group, Kano, 83
- Group Operations Officer, Strike Group Makurdi, 85
- Acting Commander Strike Group NAF, Makurdi, 86
- Commanding Officer Air Weapons School NAF Kainji, 90
- Staff 1 Operations Air Weapons School, Kainji, 90-91
- Officer Commanding Base Service Wing Air Weapons School NAF, Kainji, 90
- Operations Officer NAF Detachment, ECOMOG, Sierra Leone/Liberia, 90
- Acting Commander Air Weapons School, Kainji, 91
- Commanding Officer Fighter Wing NAF Task Force ECOMOG, Sierra Leone/Liberia, 92-94
- Directing Staff (JD) Air Faculty Command and Staff College, Jaji, 94-97
- Commander NAF Detachment, ECOMOG, Liberia, 97-98

-Commander NAF Detachment, ECOMOG, Lungi, Sierra Leone/Conakry, Guinea, 98-99
-Command Training Officer, HQ Training command, NAF, Kaduna, 99-01
-Member Governing Board of the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria, 01

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Golf, Lawn Tennis, Swimming, Soccer, Farming, Music,
Scrabble, Traveling and Reading

13. (C) Embassy has vetted Okanlawon through Embassy name checks, and has found no derogatory information. ACTION REQUESTED: Please provide text to respond regarding this Officer's assignment. END ACTION REQUEST.
Jeter